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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Bomi M. Bilimora) Group Art Unit: 1712
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Application No.: 09/870,442) Examiner: R. Lovering
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Filed: May 31, 2001)
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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE)
HIGH AND LOW SHEAR)
RHEOLOGY OF MINERAL)
SLURRIES AND THE PRODUCTS)
DERIVED THEREFROM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the communication of January 22, 2004, Applicant submits a
Revised Amendment to the Amendment document filed on November 17, 2003
(including the submission of the RCE).

Please associate the enclosed Revised Amendment with the application, grant
any extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional
required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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